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Bait cars set to hook thieves

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Calgary Police have a few new lures in their tackle box as they set out on a citywide trolling expedition for car thieves.

Citing an average of 17 stolen cars every day in Calgary and more than 500 per month, city cops un-

veiled a new bait car program that will strategically place popular stolen vehicles in city hot spots, hoping to reel in the thieves they believe use the vehicles to commit other crimes, said Staff Sgt. Colin Adair.

"We're going to be deploying them the exact way they're being stolen," said Adair, noting 40 per

Favourite targets

Calgary's most-stolen cars, according to Calgary Police:

- Honda Civic
- Ford truck
- Dodge Neon
- Dodge van
- GMC truck

cent of Calgary's stolen cars come as the result of

leaving keys in the vehicle. "We may park them with the key in the ignition, we may park them in an exercise facility parking lot and leave the key inside in a shoe in the locker room."

Cops won't divulge exactly how many or what type of cars, donated by ING Insurance, will be added or just where their target areas will be, but

bait cars will be on city streets within two weeks.

The vehicles are equipped with both video and sound equipment, GPS tracking devices and can be turned off remotely by police when they are in position, Adair said.

The Alberta Motor Association has funded a \$75,000 public awareness campaign, including 15

billboard sites across Calgary, mainly because its clients have indicated their biggest concern is theft, said AMA's Wendy Mah.

A brief pilot project with bait cars failed in 2002 because technology wasn't up to snuff, Adair said.

For extra video content on the city's new bait car program, visit metronews.ca/local.

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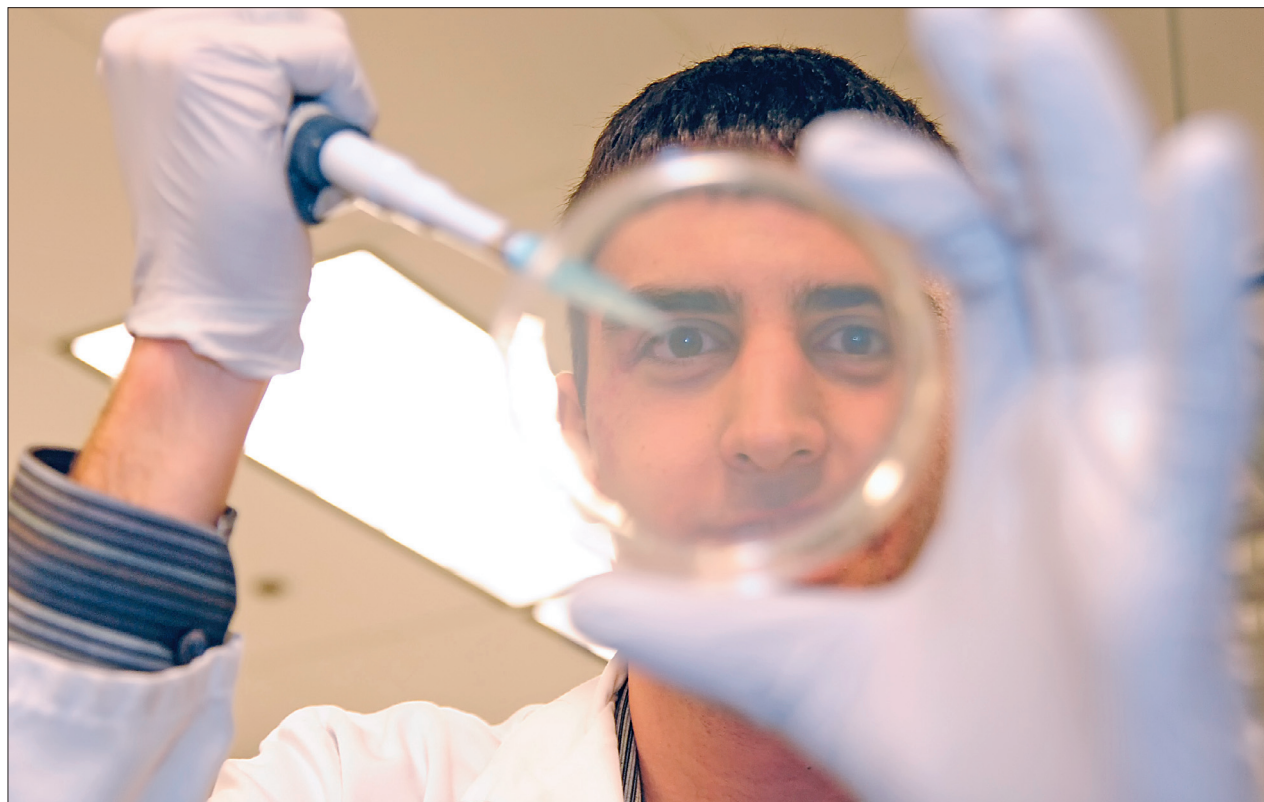


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Finding art in Calgary is as easy as 'ABC'

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Thane Kubik, a fourth year biomedical science student at U of C, shows off bacteria he and a team from the university will be entering in an international competition this weekend at MIT. Kubik's team will be among three teams sent from the school.

U of C bringing 'culture' to competition

RAIHAN ISLAM
 for Metro Calgary

U of C health science students are headed to Massachusetts this weekend to show off their innovations

in the field of genetic and synthetic engineering.

The iGEM competition, started by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2003 to attract undergrads to the field of synthetic biology, will

bring in 84 teams from 21 countries.

One Calgary team has designed a strain of E. coli bacteria that recognizes and kills harmful salmonella and meningitis viruses before they spread. "Our

bacteria have an antibiotic to kill specific targets," said Thane Kubik, a biomedical science student. "It also alerts us to the presence of those cells by glowing red for salmonella, and green for meningitis."

Bomb scare closes NE city block

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A suicide in Canmore started a chain reaction of events that closed down a full city block in Calgary's northeast yesterday with city cops scouring a basement suite for possible explosives and firearms.

Calgary police breached two windows and a doorway to the suite with devices that made a loud bang, failing to trigger any further explosions they thought may have occurred if the place was wired, said Insp. Rob Williams.

Canmore RCMP notified Calgary cops of the potential situation, Williams said, but he couldn't indicate how the information surrounding the residence on the 6400 block of 28th Avenue NE came about.

Police evacuated 20 homes in the neighbourhood, including a mother and her child who lived in the upstairs suite who had no connection to the incident.

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Francophone job program launch

Bow Valley College is launching a brand new program tomorrow to assist francophone Albertans in finding employment in the Calgary area. The service, called Connexion Carrière is funded by Alberta Employment and Immigration — and its minister, Hector Goudreau, is expected at the launch.

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House fire began in basement

NO INJURIES Firefighters pinned the origin of a fire in the city's northwest yesterday to a basement bedroom.

Fire crews were called out to a home in the 100 block of Hidden Spring Gr. NW, and upon arrival noticed flames shooting out the rear of the home.

The blaze was attacked from the front entrance and quickly knocked down, but not before the fire burned a large hole in the floor.

The fire caused extensive damage throughout the home, though no injuries were reported and a damage estimate has not been determined.

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Read columnist Jonathan Mann for analysis of the new face of America at metronews.ca/uselection

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Stamps, Sally Ann ease the cold

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Jermaine Copeland knows what it's like to be cold.

Back in a time when Tennessee used to get snow, the Calgary Stampeders' receiver was the kid who stayed outside playing until his hands were so numb they hurt and he had to run back into the house and warm-up in front of a wide-open oven.

"We didn't have a fireplace," said Copeland yesterday as he helped hand out winter coats to Calgary's less fortunate at the Salvation Army's Centre of Hope. "I know what it's like to feel that chill, it's not a good feeling coming up, man, when your friends are still out there playing but you can't because you aren't dressed right."

Copeland also knows about getting clothing from



Calgary Stampeders slotback Jermaine Copeland helps Russ Thompson find a new winter jacket yesterday at the Salvation Army Centre of Hope. The Stamps gathered 800 jackets at their final home game last week against Saskatchewan.

the Sally Ann "because moms and pops really couldn't make ends meet at all times," making the decision to lend a hand a simple one.

The Stamps collected

about 800 jackets and \$3,200 at the gate of last weekend's 41-30 regular season ending win over the B.C. Lions and Salvation Army Major Ken Percy said it's a partnership

that has helped thousands of Calgary's downtrodden keep warm in the winter over the past six years.

The Sally Ann still needs about 400 men's coats.

Stelmach's European mission to cost taxpayers over \$67K

TRADE Premier Ed Stelmach's controversial 10-day mission to sell crude from Alberta's oilsands to European political and business leaders will cost taxpayers

over \$67,000.

The premier has come under a lot of criticism about the trip since he will miss Monday's first ministers meeting to discuss the

impact of the world financial crisis.

Stelmach will meet business and political leaders, including the prime minister for the Netherlands,

during his trip that begins tomorrow.

Session will be on a one-week recess during Stelmach's trade mission.

JEFF CUMMINGS/METRO CANADA

Carving of budget 'on brink': Lowe

CITY COMMITTEE Expected double-digit property tax increases released later today leave no wiggle room for further trimming without some serious consequences, the chair of the city's finance committee said yesterday.

Cuts that have been made already in a basically needs-only based budget, Lowe said, put the city "precariously close" to being unable "to pay our bills on time, to collect the money on time, to get the bills out on time."

"If you don't do that work on time and do it efficiently and effectively and have the controls on it, the front end fails," Lowe said. "We're on the brink."

Lowe said carving any further would require "very deep cuts to front-line services," meaning council's priority areas of EMS, fire, police, roads and recreation would bear the brunt.

"Others haven't been funded anywhere near what their asking requests are. In some cases, in my view, to the detriment of a well-operated city."

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Brazilian community holds fundraiser in honour of shooting victim

The Brazilian Community Association of Alberta hosted a fundraising concert last night at the Jack Singer on behalf of the Brazilian exchange student who was caught in the middle of a downtown shooting earlier this year. **METRO CALGARY**



Alberta is examining its school zone policies.

Alberta looking at school zone rules

RAIHAN ISLAM
for Metro Calgary



Alberta may soon be on the route to changing its school zone policy, as the province of PEI have themselves reviewed in the past.

According to PEI's traffic bylaw, school zones are in effect, similar to Alberta, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., when children are on or adjacent to the road.

PEI's Transportation Minister, Ron MacKinley, said in an interview that the current law in the province is confusing, as an incident occurred when a woman sped through a school zone and was given a ticket. The ticket was later thrown out in court, as she testified the policies confused her on whether or not the zone times were in effect.

Alberta transportation spokesperson, Eileen Mc-

Donald, said the province's new initiative for earlier school zone times, will make it less confusing among motorists.

"School zones and playground zones differ in structure," says McDonald. "That's where the problem starts."

School zones located nearby playground zones, start from 8:30 a.m. to one hour after sunset. But many school zones are not posted beside all Calgary

schools, puzzling drivers.

Kent Dixon, corporate communications specialist for the Alberta Motor Association, says PEI's traffic system is vastly different than that of Calgary's.

He says the main thing to focus on, is for drivers to be made aware of such a change.

"Even if the change is only 30 minutes, there's no use doing it if people don't know about it," says Dixon.

Recycling subsidy tossed

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PROGRAM A curbside recycling subsidy for low-income Calgarians was shot down yesterday over concerns that it would be too costly for the amount of benefit to be had.

While curbside recycling will be rolled out to 300,000 city homes next June, possibly 34,000 Calgarians on the bottom of the economic ladder may have had trouble coming up with the \$8 per month citizens will be charged for

the service. A plan was in place to cut that cost in half, but it was dismissed at the city's community and protective services committee meeting because the \$1.6 million it would cost to do so in addition to its \$1 million administration cost was simply "too expensive," said Ald. Bob Hawkesworth.

"I'm not happy about it, but I certainly understand the concerns over its price tag," Hawkesworth said, adding low income citizens are now on their own to find the mandatory \$96 a year for the service.

News in brief

RECYCLING The Electronics Recycling Association of Calgary is asking Calgarians to donate their unwanted laptops and computers to local charities this holiday season. Three charities: The Step Family Foundation of Alberta, The Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth and The Vocational and Rehabilitation Research Institute will be recipients of the used and rehabbed computers. Contact the ERA at 403-262-

4488 for more information.

POLICE Three new Canadians have graduated from the Calgary Police Service ESL program and are becoming Calgary Police officers. The CPS ESL program was launched one year ago to help improve the English skills of strong applicants, in order to make them competitive in the application process.

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A couple alleged to have abused a 5-year-old girl before killing her, covering up her death and applying for child welfare are facing first-degree murder charges in Winnipeg. Samantha Kematch and Karl MacKay have pleaded not guilty. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Murder trial begins in Winnipeg

Poppy options grow
Poppy stickers, introduced last year by the Royal Canadian Legion as an alternative to the traditional lapel pin in the lead up to Remembrance Day, are catching on with the elderly, the young and food service workers.
CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

Quebec to vote

The Liberal premier of Quebec yesterday called an election for Dec. 8, which looks set to deal a fresh blow to separatists seeking independence for the predominantly French-speaking province.

Jean Charest, whose party only controls a fragile minority of seats in the provincial parliament, says he needs a strong hand to deal with the financial slowdown that is hurting the province of 7.5 million. Charest won a majority in the 2003 election, but barely hung on to power in the next election in March 2007.

Polls show the Liberals are likely to make major gains at the expense of the right-leaning Action de-



Quebec Premier Jean Charest smiles with his wife Michele Dionne after calling a provincial election in Quebec City, yesterday. Quebecers will vote Dec. 8.

mocratique du Quebec and will also take seats from the separatist Parti Quebecois. Charest said neither opposition party was interested in working with the Liberals.

"Quebecers know very

well that a minority government is an unstable government. Quebecers also know that you can't have three pairs of hands on the rudder during a storm," he told a televised news conference.

REUTERS

News in brief

ONTARIO A body found north-east of Barrie, Ont., is believed to be that of Brandon Crisp. The 15-year-old ran away from home Oct. 13 after his parents took his Xbox. There had been a \$50,000 reward for information on his whereabouts.

AFGHANISTAN Barack Obama has pledged to send more troops to Afghanistan, but his election won't change Canada's decision to pull out of that country by 2011. Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon says, CBC New Online reports.

ACQUITTED A Markham, Ont., couple charged with faking university degrees and government documents was acquitted yesterday after a judge ruled police violated their rights by entering their house without a warrant.

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World



Adult content?

Finland has rated the DVD release of the much-loved children's television series *Little House on the Prairie* suitable for adult viewing only. To save money, Universal Pictures decided not to submit the series to state inspection. Finnish authorities charge 2 euros (\$2.57 US) per minute for assessing the correct age limit on films and television series. **REUTERS**

Hanoi Deadly flooding



A man carries his girlfriend on his shoulders along a flooded street in Hanoi. More than 40,000 people were evacuated from inundated areas of Hanoi yesterday. The death toll from a week of heavy rains and floods rose to 20, the government said.

Joy, worry greet win

Obama victory spurs multitude of emotions

Americans woke with joy, cautious optimism and frank worry yesterday after the historic win by Democrat Barack Obama, who went from long shot to president-elect on the promise of change.

Just hours after Obama's victory speech to thousands of cheering supporters in Chicago, ordinary Americans headed to work clutching coffees and carrying newspapers that proclaimed Obama's place in history as the first black U.S. president.

"I'm excited. It's a huge step in the right direction,"

nurse Kim Andrews said as she headed to her hospital job in Cincinnati's dawn.

Andrews, 23, said she cried as she watched Obama's victory on television late Tuesday night, amazed that America had taken such a great step in its long and troubled racial history.

"It shows that anyone can do anything," Andrews said.

But some Republicans expressed disappointment with Obama's win and resentment of the media for a perceived pro-Obama bias during the long and often bitter campaign.

"My biggest concern is

that we're going to pull out of Iraq too quickly, and pay more taxes ... He's got great advisers in Colin Powell and Warren Buffett, and he's going to need them," said Scottsdale, Arizona, coffee shop worker Patti Sutton.

Some voters also worried Obama's win could stir up racist resentment, possibly even threatening his safety.

"It's a great thing, but a scary thing," said Cincinnati nurse Natasha Johnson, 28. "There have already been two failed assassination plots ... there are still a lot of people who don't agree with this." **REUTERS**

Three states ban same-sex marriage

LAW California and two other states voted in Tuesday's elections to ban same-sex marriage, overturning a right given to gays and lesbians in the liberal, trend-setting state just months ago in state court. Voters in Florida and Arizona also banned same-sex marriages, adding to the dozens of states with similar laws. In an indication of the complex cultural map drawn Tuesday, voters rejected limits on abortion in South Dakota and Colorado, while Michigan voted to allow medical use of marijuana. **REUTERS**

Gesture, warning from Russia

POLITICS Russian President Dmitry Medvedev voiced hope yesterday for better relations with the new U.S. president, but also presented him with a headache by vowing retaliation for a U.S. missile defence plan.

Many in Russia have been cautiously hopeful for an improvement in Washington's relations with Moscow under Barack Obama, who they believe will take a fresh approach.

"I would like to stress: We have no problems with the American people. We have no innate anti-Americanism," Medvedev said in his annual address to parliament.

"We hope that our partners — the new U.S. administration — will make a choice in favour of fully-fledged relations with Russia," he said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

POLITICS With the results of three Senate races still to be determined from Tuesday's election, Dems have now gained six seats to raise their majority in the 100-member Senate to 57.

VIOLENCE Hamas fired dozens of rockets at Israel yesterday after Israeli forces killed six Palestinian militants, disrupting a four-month truce along the Gaza Strip's frontier. **REUTERS**

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Obama faces monster list of challenges

Haloween has come and gone, but according to Newsweek, the venerable weekly magazine, there are horrors aplenty awaiting the unflappable Barack Obama on his first day in the White House.

"Nightmare on Pennsylvania Avenue," screams its headline over a dark, forbidding cover. "Scary challenges facing the new president"

Inside, the sadistic editors offer a mirthless primer on the huge challenges facing

the country's new president. The list is sobering. Frightening, really.

It is hard to know when a president has inherited a malaise worse than what Obama will face on January 20, 2009. On that day, he will stand on the steps of the United States Capitol, take the oath of office, and claim the prize that he has pursued with such single-mindedness for the last 21 feverish months.

While he is the most level-headed of people, a model of equanimity, Mr.

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Andrew Cohen

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Obama may permit himself a moment of pause, doubt, or even buyer's regret. He might also ask a few honest questions.

Is this presidency not a diminished prize? A poisoned chalice? Do I really want this?

Am I not being set up to fail, a placeholder for a triumphant Republican in 2012?

Perhaps, but unlikely. And although his campaign rhetoric was never pessimistic — dour folks are not elected in America and dour presidents (like Jimmy Carter) are not re-elected — Mr. Obama knew the dangers. Indeed, he signaled the magnitude of the challenge in his lyrical victory speech Tuesday night.

At home, the economy is in its worst crisis since the Great Depression. The mar-

kets are still falling. Americans are still losing their jobs and their homes.

Most telling, they have lost confidence in their financial system. The deficit could reach \$1 trillion US next year, and the national debt, \$10 trillion.

Abroad, America is fighting in Iraq, where things are improving, and in Afghanistan, where they are not. Oil isn't \$150 US a barrel anymore, but nor is it the \$23 a barrel it was when George W. Bush took office in 2001.

The war on terrorism con-

tinues. Peace in the Middle East remains elusive. Iran and North Korea rattle their nuclear sabres. Russia is dangerously expansionist.

And yet, in adversity, opportunity. The best presidents — such as Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt — arrived in times of crisis and succeeded brilliantly.

For President Obama, that should be of some comfort in January.

Andrew Cohen, a professor and journalist, is the author of *Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B. Pearson*.

Views

U.S. election result brings thrill of hope

By KENYA HUNT

What does having a black president mean to me? After a year of combing through Barack Obama and John McCain's plans for change and finally casting my vote, I reached a point this week when I had to confront the reality of race.

My earliest memory of race took place when I was five years old in my mostly white kindergarten class in Virginia.

It was lunchtime and I offered up my Fruit Roll-Up in exchange for my best friend's cookie as part of our daily snack swap ritual. "My mom told me I'm not allowed to swap snacks with you because you're black," she told me.

"But I'm not black, I'm brown," I replied.

Later that day, my par-



Kenya Hunt

ents, who grew up during the days of segregation, explained to me the meaning of discrimination and how to rise above it.

The second memory took place a year later, when a kid in my neighborhood called me the 'N' word. I responded by knocking him down with a punch (not exactly what my parents meant by ris-

ing above racism, mind you). It was the first and only physical fight I've ever engaged in.

During my days in high school when one over-achieving friend or another boasted aspirations of being the first black president, he or she would inevitably be greeted with a 'Negro please, that would never happen' from classmates.

These experiences helped shape me and my perception of my home state and country.

So when the realization set in last night that not only will America have its first black president, but that my home state, the former capital of the pro-slavery Confederacy, would play a pivotal role in the election, my racialized cynicism softened and I began to believe that it was possible for

Americans to evolve beyond our divided past.

This happens in the same year that Lewis Hamilton became the first black Formula One champion, Tiger Woods won his 14th US Open championship and the fashion world opened up its overwhelmingly white runways to black models. The climate of change is palpable across the world.

I'm not naive enough to believe that Obama will perform miracles or that his win will mean that we'll all hold hands and live as a harmonious unit. But I do believe we're that much closer to a day when we can accept and embrace one another's racial differences for what they are. And that hope is thrilling.

London-based Kenya Hunt is the Global Style editor for Metro World News.



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Talk of Microsoft takeover of Yahoo false, source says


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The Brick faces a cold Christmas

SHOPPING In another sign consumer confidence is weakening, one of Canada's largest furniture, mattress and consumer electronics retailers slashed its monthly distributions to unit holders to preserve cash.

The Brick Income Fund, which owns the Brick retail chain, also said it will run more aggressive sales promotions this holiday season to win back sales.

Fears that next year will be much worse have prompted the value-oriented retailer to delay some planned store openings.

The retailer surprised the market by announcing it would cut its monthly distribution to five cents per unit from 10 cents.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cellphone ban a boon for wireless gadget makers

TECHNOLOGY News reports last week confirmed the Ontario government is about to outlaw behind-the-wheel cellphone use, but it could boost the use of other hands-free gadgets to get around the law.

Popular choices include Bluetooth devices that plug into your cigarette lighter to turn your car into a speakerphone, as well as a bevy of headsets ranging in quality and price, from \$39 to \$139.

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Canadian papers showing strain

JOURNALISM Even though U.S.-style waves of layoffs and major restructurings have not washed over Canada's newspaper industry, signs of a significant downturn are starting to show.

Analysts say that as corporations pull back spending on television and newspaper advertising, already flat revenues are likely to begin declining, especially in the competitive Toronto market.

Companies such as Torstar Corp. and Canwest Global Communications are among those that stand to be hurt the most.

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Business in brief

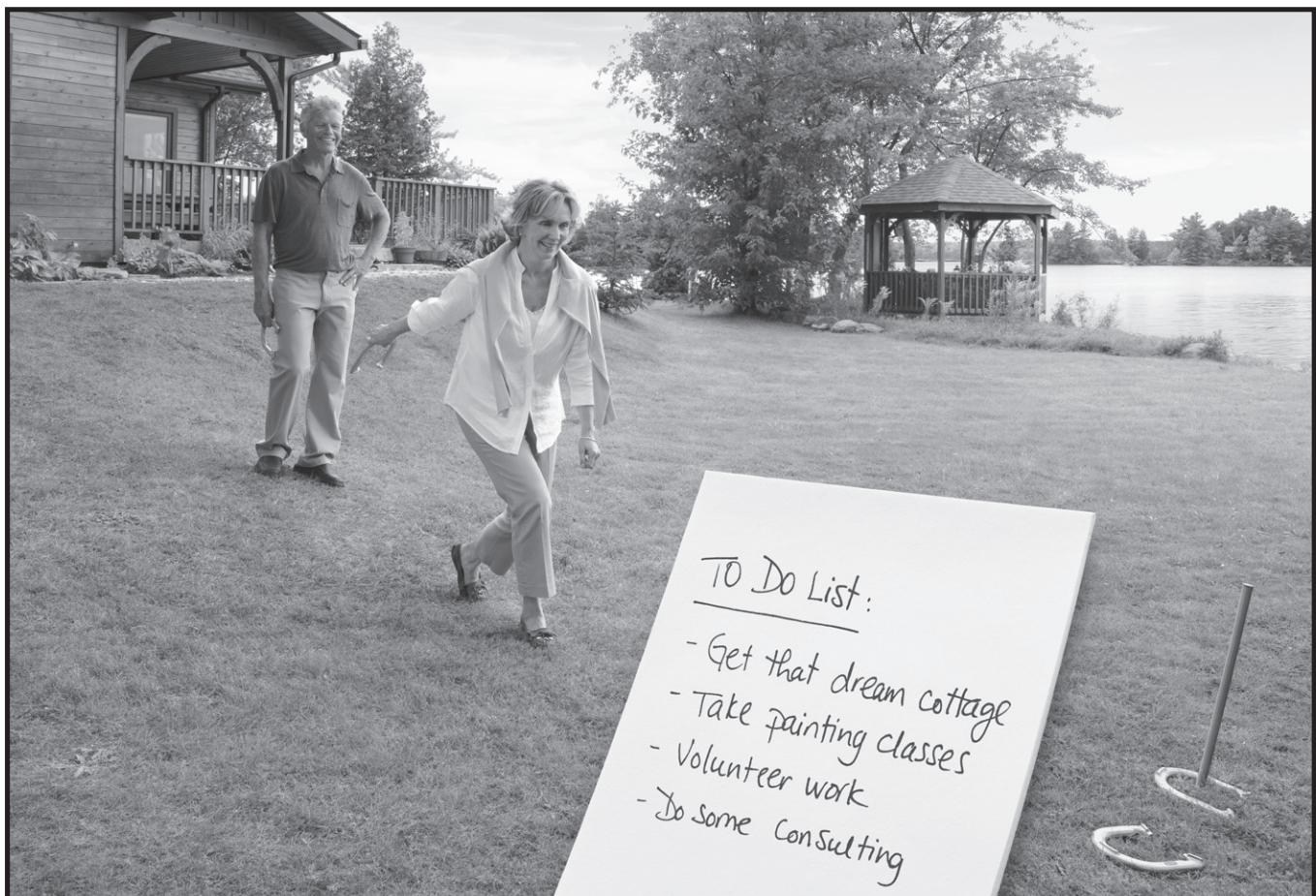
MARKETS U.S. stocks plummeted yesterday, a day after Barack Obama's historic victo-

ry, as a fresh batch of dismal economic data underscored the challenges awaiting his ad-

ministration. The Dow slid 486.01, or 5.05 per cent, to 9,139.27 as reports showed

deep cuts in private employment and the services sector shrank. Investors worry

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Sports



Romo practices

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo was back on the practice field yesterday, taking snaps and throwing with a splint on his hand. He remains optimistic about returning for Dallas' next game, a week from Sunday at Washington.

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TSN sees bigger audience for CFL

TELEVISION Broadcaster TSN saw a six-per-cent rise in audiences for CFL games this season, the network said yesterday. This is the first season TSN had exclusive rights to the CFL. In past years CBC also showed games. This year's regular season average viewing for 72 CFL games was 393,000 compared to 371,000 last season. TSN will show the CFL playoffs and the Grey Cup game.

Iverson misses Toronto game

NBA Newly acquired Detroit Piston Allen Iverson wasn't in the line-up last night as Detroit played the Raptors in Toronto because the Denver Nuggets were still completing physicals on one of the players he was traded for, Chauncey Billups. The Pistons won regardless, 100-93.

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Stamps riding the dollar roller-coaster

American CFLers paid in Canuck bucks have seen a see-saw season

DAN TOTH
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The Calgary Stampeders are preparing to tackle some playoff cheques but the American players will be shocked when they take their loonies south of the border.

The Canadian dollar, which had soared as high as US \$1.06 earlier this summer, is now more bruised and battered than the men paid to sacrifice their bodies in the Canadian Football League playoffs.

Players earn about Cdn \$3,000 for the division semifinal and final playoff games while Grey Cup

winners collect about \$15,000. Not a bad payday for one afternoon's work, but they're prepared to take another hit when they exchange it for American greenbacks.

"It's been crazy," said running back Joffrey Reynolds, a Texan who owns a home in Calgary but also makes regular treks back to the U.S.

"I went home a few weeks ago and it was 92 or 93 cents and the very next week it was almost down to 80 cents. That was just crazy.

"Once you're established or get a good feel for Calgary it's worth your while for players to buy a house here and get a little return



Stampeders like Joffrey Reynolds and Henry Burris say it's worth players' while to buy property in Calgary in order to get a return on their money.

on your money."

The Stampeders have a bye to the West Division fi-

nal Nov. 15 at McMahon Stadium when they will face the winner of Satur-

day's B.C. — Saskatchewan semifinal. While times are tough for the loonie, Stamps veteran quarterback Henry Burris can remember a decade ago when the battered buck was even more feable.

"I was here in the day of the 65-cent dollar, so it's not as bad as then," recalled Burris, an Oklahoman who first arrived in the CFL in 1998.

"I feel bad for the players that go back to the States to live in the off-season. You wish things would have stayed the way they were earlier in the summer when it was worth more than a U.S. dollar.

"You hate to see that because the guys who do live down there are going to take that big hit when they return and go to exchange their money."

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Keenan needs to give Kipper a night off for a change

Mike Keenan and goal-tenders have never quite seen eye to eye.

The coach who earned the nickname Dr. Hook more than 20 years ago for the way he yanked goalies on a whim, Keenan looks to have done an about-face. He doesn't know how to take Miikka Kiprusoff out of the crease.

The Calgary Flames season is now 13 games old and Keenan has yet to call upon backup Curtis McElhinney for a start or even mop-up duty.

Doesn't the coach realize the 82-game NHL season is a marathon and not

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a dash?

Doesn't the coach realize wearing down Kiprusoff by the middle of November probably isn't a good idea?

Doesn't the coach realize letting McElhinney freeze on the bench for more than a month doesn't do a whole lot for his

psyche and well-being?

There's one excellent reason to start Kiprusoff 82 times this season: He's Calgary's best chance to win every game and in a competitive Western Conference with no real pushovers, the Flames need that advantage.

But there are many reasons why Keenan and the Flames need to start McElhinney sooner rather than later.

First, the team needs to test itself without its saviour in the crease. It could actually be a bonding experience for the entire group — you know, let's win one for the unproven

rookie. It's amazing the extra effort that comes forth when there's extra incentive.

Second, Kiprusoff needs a break.

Come on, that's obvious. Even if he'd never admit it.

Starting goalies need a break, both physically and mentally.

Third, a different viewing perspective from the bench would be beneficial for Kiprusoff.

It's a good way to watch for tendencies in teammates and shooting angles for opponents.

Fourth, for the sake of McElhinney, get his first

start of the season out of the way and reward him for his patience.

It's humane and the results could be encouraging.

We all thought McElhinney would get his first start last Saturday in Los Angeles or Sunday in Anaheim or Tuesday at home against Phoenix.

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Look for leeks that are firm and smooth, free of blemishes, with crisp green leaves. Rounded bulb bottoms may indicate old age, so look for flat bottoms. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

lifestyle **9****Food**

"Avoid limp leeks, as well as those with cracks or swollen bulbs or dried-out and faded leaves."

Barb Holland/for Metro Canada

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Give leeks a chance**À la carte****Barb Holland**

Metro Food Writer

Often bypassed or relegated to the soup pot, leeks, the mild member of the onion family, resemble overgrown green onions.

The fall and winter months are peak months for leeks. The white part, which grows underground, is more tender and adds a subtle and sweet onion flavour. The green ends are usually cut off at the point where they separate from the bulb and are good in broths, stocks or soups. But too much of the dark green leaves can add a bitter note.

Leeks, along with potatoes, are the key ingredients in the classic chilled soup, vichyssoise. But don't limit leeks to soup; try them in sauces, stir-frys, stews, casseroles, braised in butter, brushed with olive oil and grilled, or in this simple salad.

Leeks in Basil Vinaigrette with Asiago

This appetizer salad can be made about one hour before serving. Makes 4 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp (5 mL) honey
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried basil leaves
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) white wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) olive oil
- 8 medium leeks
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 small red pepper, diced
- Shaved slices Asiago cheese

METHOD:

In small bowl, whisk mustard, honey, vinegar, salt, basil and pepper. Slowly whisk in oil until smooth. Set aside.

Cut off root end and tough green tops of leeks, leaving about 1 inch (2.5 cm) of pale green. Cut in half lengthwise and wash well. Place in a wide saucepan; add garlic and just cover with water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cook until tender-crisp, about 2 minutes.



Don't overcook leeks, as they tend to get too soft.

Drain, chill under cold water. Drain well and place in shallow dish. Sprinkle red pepper over leeks, pour vinaigrette over all, gently shaking dish to coat. Let stand at room temperature up to 1 hour.

To serve, spoon leeks, red pepper and vinaigrette onto serving plates. Garnish with Asiago cheese.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.



MJ says: Wine's Come a Long Way!

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The processes of early winemaking were often crude and simple - for example, it was once the fashion to serve three cups: one filled with the thick, pulpy "wine", one filled with water and one in which to combine the two into something drinkable. Although the centuries certainly brought considerable developments to the production of wine, it wasn't until 1850 that Louis Pasteur was able to scientifically express the phenomenon of fermentation as an interaction of the grapes' juices with oxygen and airborne yeasts. Using scientific and industrial methods, winemakers unlocked the amazing potentials of the grape through an unimaginable course of trial, error, risk and commitment.

Of ten thousand grape varieties cultivated worldwide, about two thousand are used in winemaking. Grape vines are hardy, but environmentally-sensitive plants and the character of the grapes produced can change dramatically between climates, countries and even vineyards depending on the sun, soil and techniques of cultivation. No two vintages produce wines with precisely the same aromas and flavor profile.

This complexity often seems like an obstacle to choosing wines, particularly for pairing with food, but in fact it's the rich bounty of choice that makes pairing so possible! Always remember that there simply is no perfect pairing - in general, matching wine and food is not about divining some exclusive match or else ruining your meal, but rather about finding one of many wines with the right characteristics to suit both your dish and your personal tastes.

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Style



Fashion maven Ford's directing debut

Ginnifer Goodwin and Nicholas Hoult are about to make fashion designer Tom Ford less of A Single Man. The pair join Colin Firth, Julianne Moore and Matthew Goode in Ford's directorial debut, an adaptation of Christopher Isherwood's 1964 novel. Goodwin is Mrs. Strunk, a suburban mom who doesn't share her husband's dislike of their neighbour, a gay professor (Firth). Hoult will play Kenny, a sexually ambiguous grad student who shows an unusual interest in the professor.

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Home on the range

New film Australia inspires a ranch-style wardrobe

ANN-MARIE COLACINO/METRO CANADA



Shirt dress made of hemp fabric blended with recycled polyester, Tilley (tilley.com), \$149



Fringed scarf, Smart Set, \$15



LEFT: Fedora made of 100 per cent premium fur felt, Tilley (tilley.com), \$145



LEFT: Belted suede skirt, Le Chateau, \$99.95



Belts: brown leather, Esprit, 39.50 and black plaque buckle belt, Payless, \$12.99



Gloves, Joe Fresh, \$24



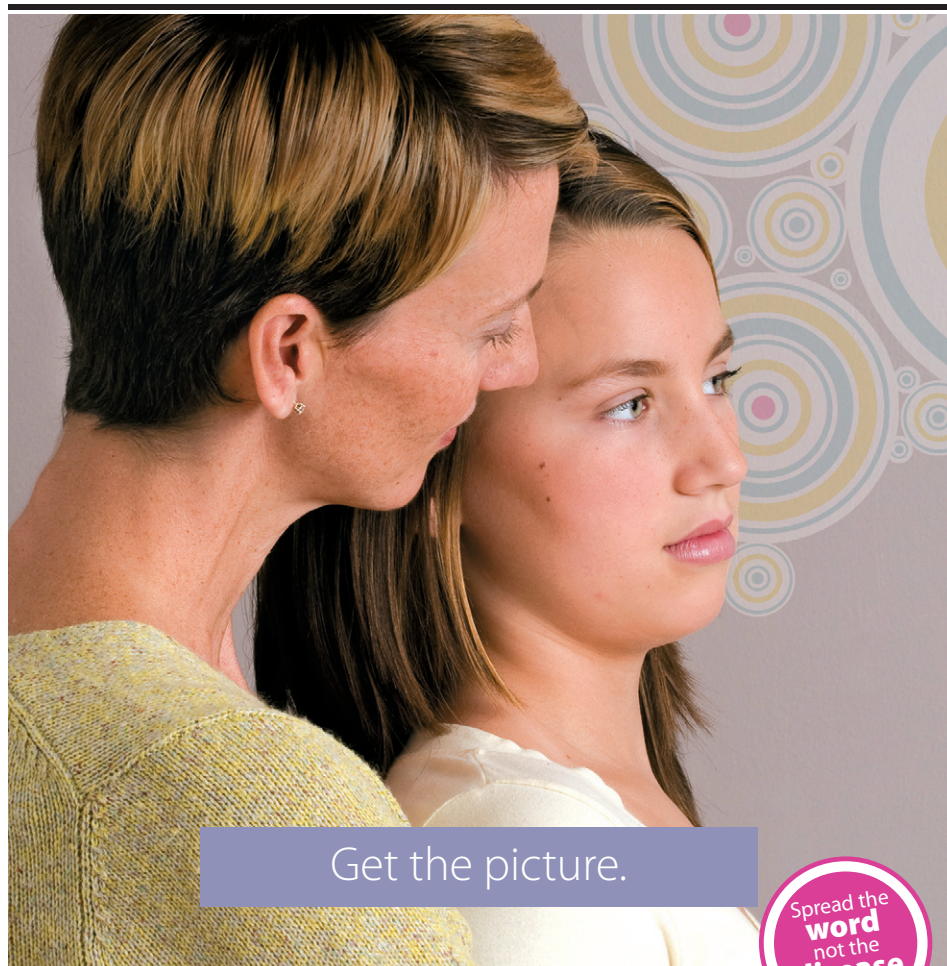
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Office-to-event tips



JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada



Glamming up for a party is easy when you have hours to primp. But a day at the office doesn't come with much pre-party prep time. We consulted with three pros on quick changes to take us from the daily grind to deck-the-halls.

Alissia Marciano, fashion stylist on the international hit TV show "Look-A-Like"

A black or winter-white suit is a snap to festive up if it's already sharp. "You want the jacket to fit perfectly across the shoulders and at the waist," says Marciano. "The pants should be fitted at the waist, fit well in the seat, and flare into long wide legs." Team with a lace-and-silk cap-sleeve camisole to reveal later when you ditch your jacket. Accessorize for night with jewelled cuffs, an oversize clutch, and hot shoes, perhaps in red or an exotic-skin or embellished finish.

Wearing a chic black skirt- or dress-suit? Switch black tights to red or purple, or lace (not fishnet), says Marciano. Glitz up with oversize button earrings.

Another option is a solid colour pencil skirt and a feminine blouse in a vibrant pattern or with a big, gorgeous, floppy bow, à la Vivienne Westwood. Swap work flats for knockout heels, add a vintage purse, and go.

Ben Skervin, hair stylist to Keira Knightley and Cat Deeley; Global Hair Stylist for Head & Shoulders

Hot rollers at the office? If you have an opaque door, why not? Skervin suggests popping them in before adjusting your makeup. Afterward, run fingers

through the curls, mist with hairspray et voilà, va-va-volume.

"Or pull your hair back in a smooth bun and step up your makeup," says Skervin. Try a couple of sparkly clips close to the bun; take digi-photos to see where they show up most attractively.

Chase Aston, international makeup artist for The Body Shop

"Smokey eyes over your day makeup takes no time at all," insists Aston, who has worked with Kate Moss and Cameron Diaz. Sweep sil-

ver shadow over the lid to just above the crease. Line upper lashline with black pencil then blend a fat line of dark grey or navy metallic shadow over the it into a



Transform your look from day to night using a daring collection like the Sparkle Eye Palette 02 from The Body Shop, \$24.50. Add some shimmer to your pout with Quo Night Light Lip Gloss, above right, \$15. Available at Shopper's Drug Mart.

LEFT: Ben Skervin, stylist to Keira Knightley, says a glamour party look is pulling back hair into a tight bun and stepping up your make-up.



sideways vee on the outer corner of the lid. Line the lower inner rim with black

pencil, refresh your mascara, and dab sparkly gloss on lips to finish.

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Condo gardeners can go green, too

Being a green gardener in a condo means more than having your plants' leaves the right colour. There are many ways to garden in an eco-friendly manner, even if your garden only consists of containers on the balcony or your indoor plants.

Some condo gardeners think that the scale of their gardening is small and that their going green would not have a large impact on the environment. If you factor in every condo garden and their pesticide use alone, for example, the impact is indeed a large one.

Anyone who gardens knows that insects can prove to be more than troublesome if not controlled. Controlling insect pests is another area in gardening that now offers eco-friendly approaches to many problems that were previously dealt with solely through the use of man-made chemicals.

The time-honoured ways of controlling insects still apply. If the pests are present in small numbers, picking them off by hand or spraying them off with a sharp stream of water are very good green techniques. Setting out sticky traps is another alternative.

There are times when the invaders are in such large numbers that hand picking or other non-



pesticide methods just won't work. You can try an insecticidal soap but usually in cases such as these a good choice is Doktor Doom Botanics. This pesticide is an environmentally friendly product. The Botanics spray is

pyrethrin based. Pyrethrins are natural insecticides that are derived from Pyrethrum daisies. The spray is effective against many insects and is readily available in all major garden centres. Many condo gardeners lament



Left: It doesn't matter whether your garden consists of just a few balcony containers or your indoor plants — using eco-friendly methods in even the smallest garden can still have an impact. Inset: Vermicomposting uses worms to break down food scraps and other organic matter and is a great way for condo dwellers to compost.

the fact they have neither room nor the capability to produce their own compost. Townhome owners can dedicate a corner of their yard to a small composter. But what about those condo owners with only a balcony? Vermicomposting is the answer. Just what is vermicomposting?

Red worms are put into a plastic bin with moist shredded newspaper, peat moss, brown leaves or straw. Food scraps like

Vermicomposting

Here are 10 easy steps for making worm compost:

- A great way to cut down kitchen waste.
- Materials needed: leaves, paper, worms and dirt.
- A plastic tote is large enough.
- Just add shredded paper.
- Don't forget the dirt!
- Bury food for a better breakdown.
- Just a little water is needed to get started.
- Add the key ingredient: worms.
- Let the worms get to work.
- You're composting!

apple cores, vegetable peelings and coffee grounds are buried in the bedding. The worms eat the scraps and produce a great compost that can be used to enrich the soil of your house plants and containers.

Vermicomposting is usually done indoors and is a great way for condo dwellers to compost. It is odourless and can be done in something as small as a plastic tote.

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REAL ESTATE During the first 10 months of this year, the City of Calgary received 12,948 building permit applications — a decrease of 18 per cent when compared with the 15,819 applications received during the same period in 2007.

However, overall construction values have fallen by 27 per cent (from \$4.9

billion in 2007 to \$3.6 billion this year).

This indicates a shift toward smaller projects, which require as much or, in some cases, more work in terms of review and inspections. "Despite a clear slowdown in the number of new large residential and commercial projects, there is still a significant volume

of construction activity taking place in Calgary," says David Watson, general manager of planning, development and assessment.

"While projects such as The Bow and Eighth Avenue Place are still underway, we continue to receive applications for new permitted work, particularly in the area of improve-

ments and other smaller projects."

Year-to-date residential building permit applications total 6,136 new dwelling units, compared to 11,560 in 2007. Building permits are a barometer of intentions in the construction industry and are not actual construction starts.

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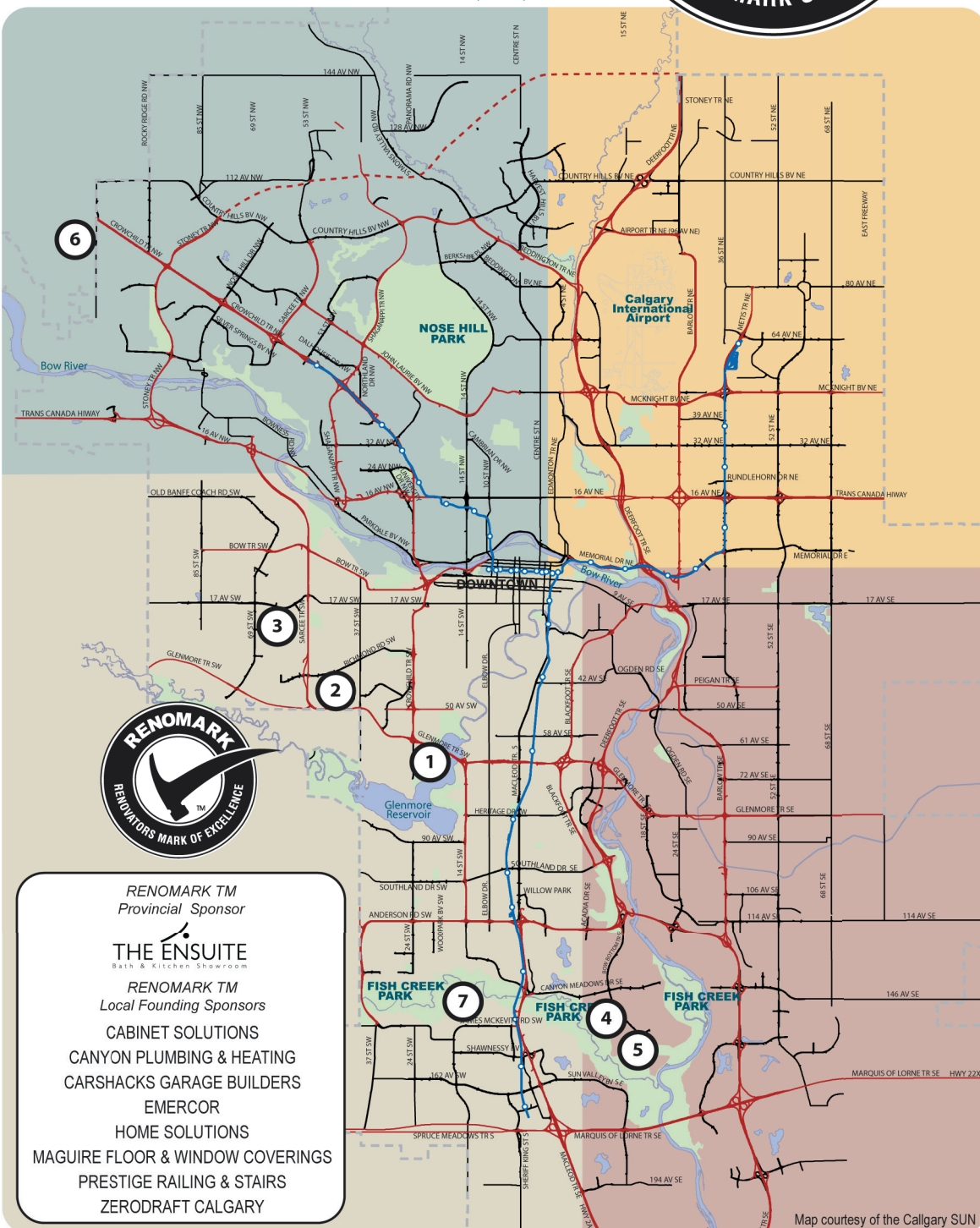
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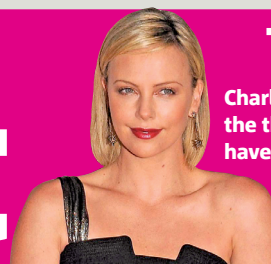
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Kirsten Dunst has launched an investigation of the U.S. voting system in a new documentary. Dunst has teamed up with filmmaker Jacob Saboroff to direct and produce the film, exploring why American voter participation lags behind turnout in most other countries. **IMDB.COM**

Entertainment

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The Tourist

Charlize Theron is in talks to join the thriller *The Tourist*. She will have Theron play a female agent on the hunt for an elusive ex-boyfriend, who becomes a wanted man. **IMDB.COM**

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Eagles of Death Metal soar



will.i.am

will.i.am pens Obama tribute

MUSIC Rap star will.i.am is releasing a new song and video to mark Barack Obama's win in the U.S. presidential election, BBC News Online reports.

The musician spent election night editing the final version of *It's A New Day*, which was set to make its online debut yesterday.

The Black Eyed Peas singer said the song was a tribute to the American people and their part in events.

will.i.am scored a viral hit with *Yes We Can* earlier this year, in support of Obama's White House bid.

Gay group praises Grey's Anatomy

TV A leading gay rights group has praised bosses of hit TV show *Grey's Anatomy* for its recent lesbian plotline, despite the news that one of the gay characters it to be axed, **imdb.com** reports.

Brooke Smith plays cardiac surgeon Erica Hahn, who is romantically involved with Sara Ramirez's character Dr. Calliope "Callie" Torres. But it was recently announced that Smith has been dropped from the series.

Deftones bassist injured in crash

MUSIC The bassist for California rock band Deftones is in a coma after being involved in a car accident Monday in Santa Clara, Calif., Reuters reports.

Chi Cheng, 38, is in a "very serious" state, the paper quoted frontman Chino Moreno as saying. "I don't know everything that's going on — I just know it's very serious," Moreno told the *Sacramento Bee*. "Chi is one of the strongest people I know, and I'm praying that his strength will get him through this."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Eagles of Death Metal

Album: Heart On
Label: MapleMusic/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

WHAT STARTED OFF AS a side project for Queens of the Stone Age front-man Josh Homme has quickly become a rock music force in its own right. The group, which features Homme on drums and childhood friend Jesse Hughes on vocals, has always been about one thing: Women. On their latest, the duo once again plays up their love of everything sex and girls, but while it might be offensive to some, it's mostly just fun. Throw in fuzzed-out blues guitars, pounding beats and infectious vocals and you have yourself a must-listen record.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada



Heart On is the new album from Eagles of Death Metal.

The Cure

Album: 4:13
Label: Geffen/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

THE CURE'S PROPENSITY for dark, brooding tunes isn't as immediately apparent on their new disc 4:13. The record is filled with soaring pop choruses, slick, layered instrumentation and generally upbeat-sounding vocals, making this more of a straight-up rock record than a classic Cure release. Saying that, the album is a solid effort that will easily compete with the young upstarts that have ripped off the band's sound. While it's nothing earth-shattering, The Cure's 16th release is a great addition to their robust oeuvre.

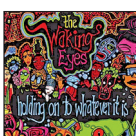
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The Waking Eyes

Album: Holding On To Whatever It Is
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●●●

THESE WIN-NIPEG POP-ROCKERS got a lot of hype four years ago when



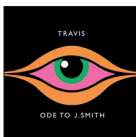
they were starting out, but we haven't heard much since. The lead single, *All Empires Fall*, sets a sound direction in guitar rock that will probably get them back on the radio, as will the utterly danceable *Clap Clap*. The band has a tad too much fun, however, planting unabashed nods among the tracks to favourite bands from the past like The Payolas, Queen and 10CC. *Waking Eyes* should be spending a little more time charting its own course.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Travis

Album: Ode To J Smith
Label: Red Telephone Box/Fontana North
Rating: ●●●●

BEFORE GIVING WAY to the austere, gentle melancholia that Coldplay, Keane and Snow Patrol would adopt, Travis debuted as an edgier, guitar-driven slice of Britpop with a hit single in 1997's *All I Want To Do Is Rock*. Album No. 6 proceeds to do just that — whereby these



Scots revisit what made them tick early on. The nostalgic sound trip is certainly reinvigorating — although with more lyrical thought, this could have been a major contender to one-up the latest Oasis and Verve releases.

Ian Nathanson/for Metro Canada

Suzie McNeil

Album: Rock-n-Roller
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●●

THIS SHOULD BE the kind of music that never goes out of style. Power rock with a beautiful blonde hitting all the right notes while teetering on a pair of heels that look like knitting needles. It worked for Sheryl Crow and Amanda Marshall. But it only works if you have something new and special to offer. Otherwise it just comes off as old, tired and clichéd. So what do we get from Suzie? Party invitations and



reminders that our dreams can move mountains. It all sounds so sterile ... so L.A. It belongs in a fern bar. And we're going to get really sick of that song *Believe* by the time the Olympics roll around.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Hinder

Album: Take It To The Limit
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●●

LIKE IT OR NOT, Hinder matters. There are always going to be young guys out there who like to drink to excess, admire the physical attributes of women and enjoy casual sex —

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preferably all in the same night. Bottoms up, boys — this is your soundtrack. Is there anything new here? Of course not. It's instantly forgettable, overwrought, hard rock with the occasional perfunctory power ballad.

Jim Reyno/for Metro Canada

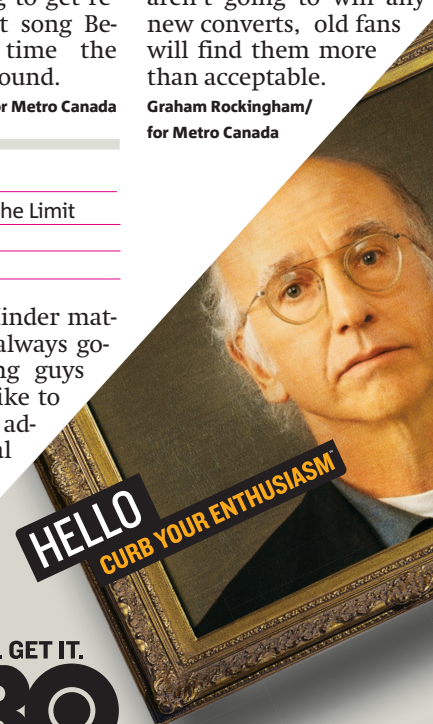


Burton Cummings

Album: Above The Ground
Label: Sony/BMG
Rating: ●●●●

THERE WAS A point in Cummings' career when his voice almost parodied itself. Thankfully, his recent tours with Randy Bachman seem to have brought that annoying rock yodel under control. He's in fine voice for his first solo album of new material in almost 20 years. While the 19 unexceptional rockers on *Above The Ground* aren't going to win any new converts, old fans will find them more than acceptable.

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Bend It director goes from football to frightful fun

Bend It Like Beckham director Gurinder Chadha is working on a horror comedy for her next film, titled It's a Wonderful Afterlife. She says the new project is a cross between My Big Fat Greek Wedding and Shaun of the Dead. ANANOVA.COM



T is for talent in Cowtown arts scene

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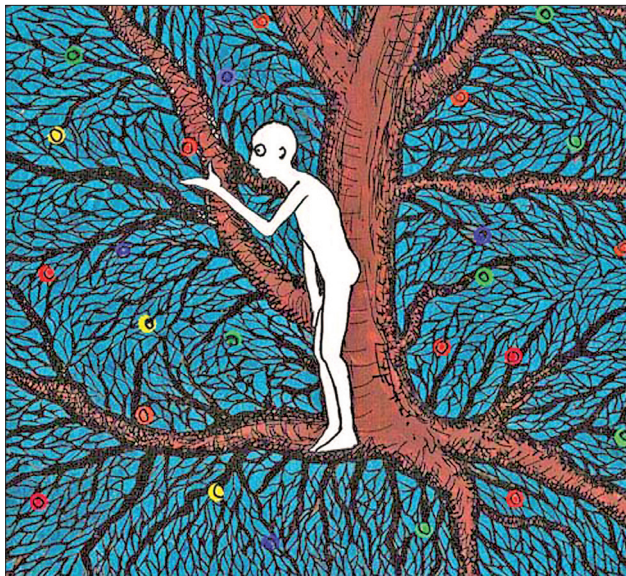
Heather Setka

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Although it may surprise some, Cowtown contributes more to the world stage than right-wing politicians and shooter girls. To school disbelievers, here are the ABCs (and D and E) of arts and entertainment for the weekend ahead.

ARTISTS Animation artists, in fact. Local scene darling Chad VanGalen showcases his shorts (of the film variety) tonight at the Giant Incandescent Resonating Animation Festival or Giraf 4. Calgary animators Kim Anderson and Stefanie Wong also have offerings in Giraf's international shorts competition.

"(Artists) need the public to appreciate what we do," says Giraf director Keith Murray. "If not, then why



A scene from *The Fall*: Kim Anderson's animated short *The Fall* took her five years to perfect. Check it out at the Plaza in Kensington Friday night.

else are we doing it?" For full details, go to www.giraffest.ca.

BOOKS That's right, Calgary has writers too. Don't believe it? Stop by the Memorial Park Library tonight at 7 p.m. to lay eyes on one of them. Poet Joan Shillington reads from her collection *Revolutions*.

CALGARY OK, so that may sound obvious. But this actually stands for Calgary as a concept. Perhaps with time and support, "Calgary" could become synonymous with its own music sound like Montreal or Halifax. (Even Winnipeg had its day with OLP, Chantal Kreviazuk and the

Watchmen.)

"Calgary's got a good vibe and it's excited about having its own scene," says former Airdrie gal Katie Rox. The singer/songwriter plays the SALT campus bar Saturday, and is recording the show for a live album to be released in spring 2009.

To encourage this vibe's momentum, Rox suggests audiences take chances on bands before they've hit it big. Her picks from the lo-

cal talent pool are Lindsay Ell, who plays with Buddy Guy at the Jack Singer Nov. 13, and Zoo Lion.

DESIGNERS Paul Hardy is the Calgary couture creator who everyone knows. For now. Check out his cutting-edge competition tonight at Art Central's 4th birthday.

The Alberta College of Art and Design's wearable art class is showing their, what else, wearable art. The free anniversary event

starts at 5 p.m. and ACAD's Avant-Garb struts its stuff at 8 p.m.

EATS Earls is fine. Boston Pizza will do. But chain food seems bland compared to Calgary-born niche dining experiences like The Coup vegetarian restaurant or the now infamous Tubby Dog, both on 17th Ave.

If you have entertainment suggestions for F (keep it clean!) through Z, e-mail slickcity@metronews.ca.

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Brand of Pirates
Russell Brand is reportedly in talks to join the fourth Pirates Of The Caribbean movie. IMDB.COM

Farewell to Frank

NewsAnalysis

Scott Taylor



Editor of Esprit de Corps

The sudden announcement last week that Frank had permanently expired hit me like the death of a close friend, or at least the passing of an old family pet. As Canada's only national satirical publication, Frank magazine has been a guilty pleasure for news junkies since 1989. It was at that juncture that Michael Bate came on board as senior editor, to expand what had begun as a local Halifax lampoon digest into a full blown mockery machine aimed directly at the Canadian social elite.

Frank made no pretension to comfort the afflicted, and they didn't just afflict the comfortable, they essentially tore them a new one at every opportunity. During its 19 years in publi-

cation, it was undoubtedly the most powerful media outlet on Parliament Hill. No one in officialdom ever admitted to reading Frank, and the damning revelations unearthed in its pages were contemptuously dismissed by those targetted as being yellow journalism, half truths, and slanderous innuendo. Nevertheless, government researchers and executive assistants were dispatched surreptitiously every second Tuesday to newsstands.

The Frank team was only staffed by a couple of writers, but their sources extended far and wide. Many members of the Press Gallery knew they could float rumours in Frank, protect their sources, and then use Access to Information to acquire the official briefing notes prepared in response to the original article. The fact that Frank served as a conduit for whistleblowers inside the Public Service, and hence as a beacon for mainstream media outlets to uncover potential scandals was reason enough for the ruling elite to fear its existence.

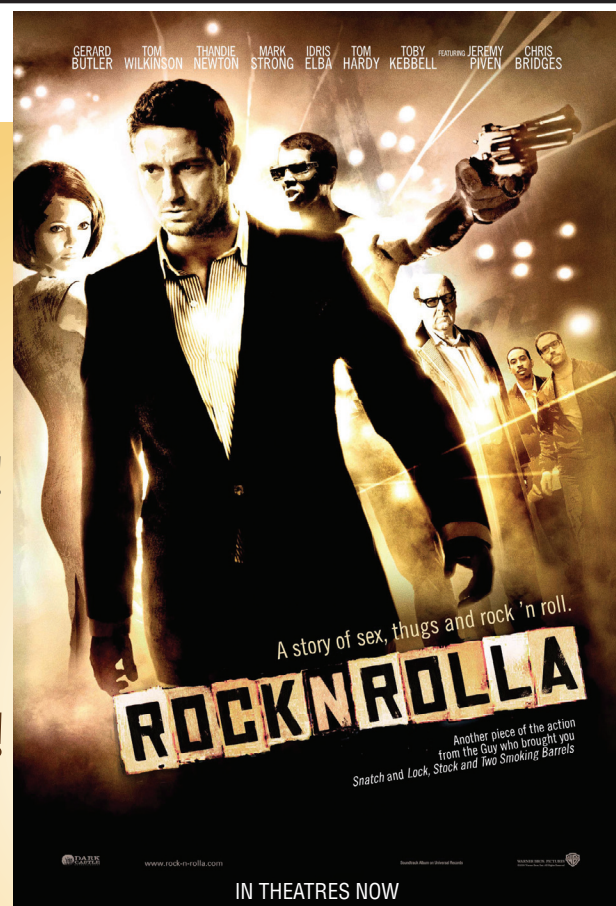
However, what really made the chattering class tremble was the sophomoric manner in which Frank pilloried them. It was truly brilliant, at times gut-busting humour based on their own brand of Frank-speak. (For instance, stock phrases such as horizontal mambo, avid pianist and wind therapy to describe specific sexual infidelities).

Frank survived a number of lawsuits, and a couple of ownership changes during its lifespan, but Michael Bate, who sold the publication in 2003, then took control again in 2005 has finally decided to call it quits. With readership down to the current low of just 5,000 copies per edition, Bate said he had no choice but to cease publication. "I just could not foresee us turning the corner back into profitability, and the financial backers were not prepared to invest any more money" he said.

Frank will be both mourned and missed.

Scott Taylor is the Ottawa-based publisher/editor of Esprit de Corps, a columnist, and author of six best-sellers including Among the 'Others': The Forgotten Turkmen of Iraq.

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Blonsky befriends Betty

Hairspray star Nikki Blonsky has been handed an early 20th birthday treat — a starring guest role on the hit TV show Ugly Betty. The actress, who turns 20 this weekend, will play a fashion magazine assistant who befriends the show's title character. [IMDB.COM](#)

‘Soft news’ soft on Obama

IntelleVision



YOU DON'T SAY: “Ellen DeGeneres and Joy Behar aren't going to swing the election,” writes Howard Kurtz in the Washington Post, to which most of us will mutter a silent prayer of thanks. “But in an age when candidates have to sell themselves as personalities, not just policymakers, the climate has been far more hospitable for Obama.”

Even if you were completely “in the tank” for U.S. president-elect Barack Obama — the phrase is the prime contribution made by the 2008 U.S. election to our shared vocabulary — it would be hard to deny either half of Kurtz's verdict: that “soft news” and entertainment shows have become as important (if not more important) than hard



The View's co-hosts, from left, are Elisabeth Hasselbeck, Whoopi Goldberg, Barbara Walters and Joy Behar.

news programs in the election cycle, and that they were, almost without exception, unashamed of their obvious bias toward the Democrat candidate. This observation has been a staple of discussions in the world of blogs and online media, but you can't help but wonder why the Post's influential media columnist waited until the day before the election to fess up and agree.

“Ellen DeGeneres, David Letterman and panelists on The View all confronted McCain,” wrote Kurtz, “while Obama has basically joked and danced his way through such appearances, including a Daily Show stint last week in which Jon Stewart asked him about ‘the whole socialism/Marxist thing.’ If anyone doubts there is a liberal entertainment establishment, it has been

vividly on display.” Obama ceased to be an underdog candidate months ago, and now that he's on his way to the White House, shouldn't the satirists and “speak truth to power” professionals be recalibrating their sights and prepping the new target? Well, maybe. “The media is kind of madly in love with Obama,” Saturday Night Live writer James Downey is

quoted as saying in a Salon.com piece, adding that he's “such a smooth character that he doesn't give you many handles.”

Comedian Will Durst agreed, saying, “If I try doing race jokes about Obama you can hear the sphincters tighten up faster than lug nuts on a '57 Ford.”

Some members of the “satirical-industrial complex” — as it was dubbed by Jon Stewart — might secretly have been hoping for a McCain victory, and Durst admitted that Sarah Palin was regarded as “methadone” for comics and writers about to be deprived of material with the end of the Bush presidency.

With Tina Fey hanging up her red power suit and bouffant wig, writes Salon, “an Obama era almost certainly promises to be less funny,” a deficit that probably indicates a lack of will as much as material.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Crichton, 66, loses battle with cancer

FAREWELL Best-selling U.S. author Michael Crichton, who wrote such novels as The Andromeda Strain and Jurassic Park, and created the popular TV drama ER, has died unexpectedly of cancer at age 66, his family said yesterday.

Crichton, a medical doctor turned novelist and filmmaker whose books have sold more than 150 million copies worldwide, died on Tuesday in Los Angeles after what his family described as a “courageous and private battle against cancer.”

The family statement, which was released through a publicist, called Crichton's death “unexpected” but released few other details about his passing and requested privacy.

Born in Chicago, Crichton wrote his first novels under pen names while attending Harvard Medical School. He was awarded his medical degree in 1969, the same year his first major bestseller, The Andromeda Strain, was published.

REUTERS

Winehouse's husband released from prison

PEOPLE Blake Fielder-Civil, husband of British singer Amy Winehouse, was released from prison yesterday after spending about a year behind bars for attacking a pub landlord in 2006 and then trying to cover it up.

The former video assistant, who married Winehouse in Miami in 2007, was sentenced to 27 months in prison in July.

Lawyers explained at the time that he would have to serve about half that time, and had already been in jail for nine months when the sentence was passed.

A record industry source said he understood Fielder-Civil would have to check straight into a rehabilitation clinic under the terms of his release.

Fielder-Civil's lawyer told a court in July that his client was addicted to drugs and was determined to recover.

Winehouse is behind the hit album Back to Black and landed five Grammy awards earlier in the year, but her career has been overshadowed by a battle against drug addiction and bouts of illness.

REUTERS

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My Name Is Earl

Time for a reshuffling of Earl's (Jason Lee) list. One particular item becomes a matter of life and death and jumps to the top when a mysterious man moves next door to Earl and Randy (Ethan Suplee). Joy (Jaime Pressly) has her eyes on a prize — a monetary award in a science fair — in the new episode “Sold a Guy a Lemon Car.” 8 PM on CHTV



Famous Monster

Think of the most rabid sci-fi geek you've ever met. Forrest J. Ackerman, the subject of this special, has that person beat in both intensity and longevity. A sci-fi fan since the 1920s, he founded and edited the fan magazine Famous Monsters of Filmland, was the first to attend a sci-fi convention in costume, and is credited as an inspiration by writers and moviemakers from Ray Bradbury to John Landis, many of whom share their thoughts about Ackerman here. 8 PM on SPACE



Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe is enjoying his run in Broadway play Equus — because he can go unrecognized in the busy New York streets. [IMDB.COM](#)

Celebrity Buzz



HELLO! Hot shot of the week



PETER BRICC/HELLO! CANADA

eTalk and Canadian Idol host Ben Mulroney, 32, marries stylist Jessica Brownstein, 29, in an Oct. 30 ceremony at Montreal's St. Patrick's Basilica. Mulroney had harboured a secret crush on Brownstein for 10 years and finally plucked up courage to ask her out 18 months ago. He says his blueprint for marriage was supplied by his parents, former prime minister Brian Mulroney and wife Mila, above. "They rallied around each other and made each other stronger," he tells HELLO! Canada, which covered the wedding exclusively.
HELLO! CANADA magazine, now available on newsstands — read more at [hellomagazine.ca](#)

Emma Watson's got drama in life

DATING Harry Potter star Emma Watson is dating a drama student, according to reports. The 18-year-old actress is said to have met Angus Willoughby, 19, while studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, [imdb.com](#) reports. The pair is now said to be planning a trip to Willoughby's hometown of Perth, Australia, according to the Daily Telegraph. Watson was previously linked to another drama student.



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Hathaway's new man named

DATING The identity of Anne Hathaway's new boyfriend has been revealed — he's actor Adam Shulman, [imdb.com](#) reports. The 26-year-old actress last month said she had found love again, five months after splitting from her jailed boyfriend of four years, Raffaello Follieri. She refused to reveal his name, but the new couple have been caught together enjoying a break in New Orleans, where Hathaway is pro-

moting her new movie Rachel Getting Married. Shulman, 27, the former star of the TV series American Dreams, confessed to Life + Style magazine, "We met through mutual friends."

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Jolie just a punk, inked kid at heart

LIFE Knives, bisexual romances, tattoos. Despite being a mother of six, Angelina Jolie says her rebellious past remains part of

who she is, [usmagazine.com](#) reports: "I am still, at heart — and always will be — just a punk kid with tattoos."

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Nip/tuck for Moore? Maybe

SURGERY Julianne Moore would consider having plastic surgery, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports. The actress insists she would not rule out having a nip and tuck operation when she is older. "I never say never," she says. However, Moore voiced her concerns about celebrities who take cosmetic procedures to the extreme, likening it to the ancient Chinese ritual of foot-binding.



"At what point did they decide that small feet were more beautiful? People started making them smaller and smaller until they were stumps and not beautiful at all," Moore told Tatler magazine. "I feel we have decided that being expressionless and young looking is the most beautiful thing and, in pursuit of that, it becomes more and more exaggerated and totally obliterates what we look like."

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Posh, Becks wear 'magic' necklaces

JEWELRY Victoria and David Beckham have given each other "magic" necklaces, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports. The couple believe the mystical jewelry will keep them safe. "The energy they emit is incredibly powerful. These pieces act as talismans of love, healing and protection," Victoria reportedly said. The Japanese gold and silver necklaces are gifts to each other to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in July next year.



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Next wedding will be the last, Simpson says

RELATIONSHIPS With her relationship with football player Tony Romo approaching the one-year mark, Jessica Simpson is gaining some perspective on her life and loves, [People.com](#) reports. "I'd always fall for guys I wanted to save," the singer, 28, tells Cosmopolitan for its December issue (on sale Nov. 11). "For the first time, I fell in love with someone who saved me." As for where the road with Romo, also 28, may take her, Simpson says, "I think any person who I'm going to date for longer than six months, I definitely am investing in something long term. If I get married again, then it will be the last time."

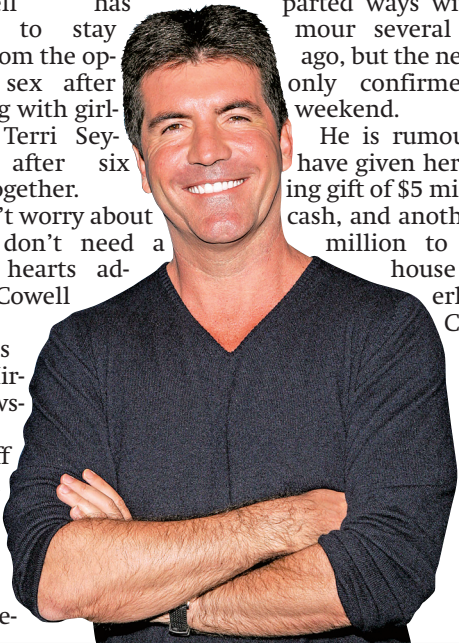
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No women for Simon

DATING American Idol judge Simon Cowell says he's "off women," [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports. Cowell has vowed to stay away from the opposite sex after splitting with girlfriend Terri Seymour after six years together. "Don't worry about me. I don't need a lonely hearts advert," Cowell told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper. "I'm off women now. But everything's fine be-

tween me and Terri, we're still friends." Cowell, who is worth an estimated \$200 million US, parted ways with Seymour several weeks ago, but the news was only confirmed last weekend. He is rumoured to have given her a parting gift of \$5 million in cash, and another \$4.6 million to buy a house in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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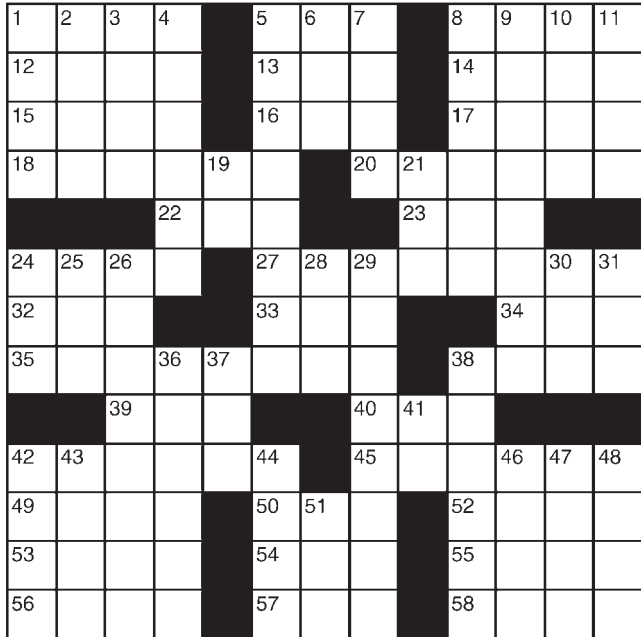
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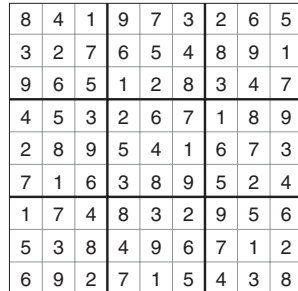
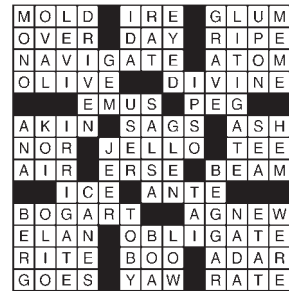
Crossword across

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| 1 Prospector's hope | 34 Heady quaff |
| 5 Tie up the phone | 35 Bliss |
| 8 Distort | 38 Sailors' hoosegow |
| 12 Eye layer | 39 Listener |
| 13 Have bills | 40 "CSI" evidence |
| 14 Tower city | 42 Balance |
| 15 Stationer's quantity | 45 Sent packing, at a talent show |
| 16 "— the ramparts ..." | 49 Bakery buys |
| 17 "Meet Me — Louis" | 50 2008 Texas hurricane |
| 18 Like debts | 52 "— want for Christmas" |
| 20 Thingie | 53 Caspian feeder |
| 22 Pigs' digs | 54 Meadow |
| 23 Solidify | 55 Subject, usually |
| 24 Harbor structure | 56 Withered |
| 27 Airy | 57 Pitch |
| 32 George's brother | 58 Competent |
| 33 Exist | |

Crossword down

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Mentor | with De Niro in 1991 |
| 2 Microwave, e.g. | 28 Numerical prefix |
| 3 Bound | 29 Millinery |
| 4 Grayish red | 30 "The Greatest" |
| 5 Tire company | 31 Journey segment |
| 6 Idolater's feeling | 36 Big bother |
| 7 Opera composer Alban | 37 Raw rock |
| 8 Arachnophobe's worry | 38 Split need |
| 9 Mad monarch of drama | 41 "Fuhgeddaboutit!" |
| 10 Being, to Brutus | 42 Comic strip penguin |
| 11 Power measure | 43 Pink-slip |
| 19 Tagged player | 44 Pinball no-no |
| 21 Time of your life? | 46 Amorphous mass |
| 24 Conk out | 47 Hebrew month |
| 25 Tulsa sch. | 48 Eat in style |
| 26 1962 Peck movie remade | 51 Mauna — |

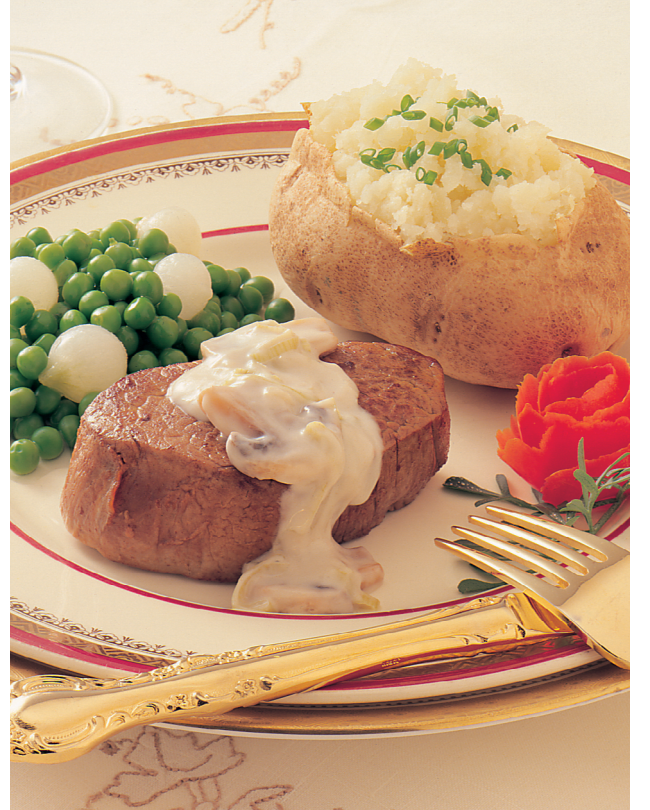
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	25+ min	Keep practising

Recipe of the day



Melt-in-your-mouth Filets with Mushroom Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 4 beef tenderloin steaks or 2 top loin steaks, 1 inch (2.5 cm) thick, trimmed
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) sliced fresh mushrooms
- ½ cup (125 mL) sliced leek
- ½ cup (125 mL) dry white wine or low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) each salt and black pepper
- ½ cup (125 mL) reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour

METHOD:

- Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add

steaks. Lower heat to medium and cook until medium-rare or to taste, turning often. Transfer to a platter and cover with foil.

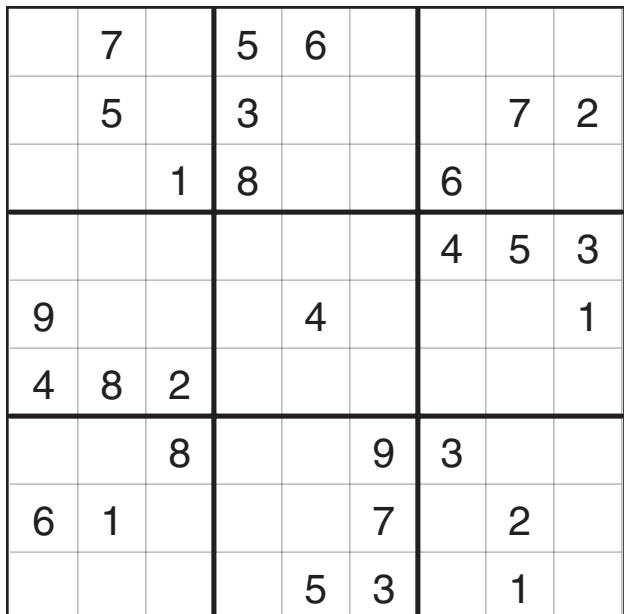
- For sauce, add the mushrooms, leek, wine, salt and pepper to drippings in skillet. Bring to boil, then lower heat and simmer, uncovered, until mushrooms are tender.

SERVES 4



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Watch out for the tricks played by a friend. A childish quarrel is not your problem. Suspicious minds will disappoint you.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A kiss will change your mind about someone. You're amused by essential advice. Don't irritate anyone by telling the truth.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Money will be found by searching. Make a quick escape from a miserable fool. The facts of life will cause people to flock around you.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Trust your instincts when an encounter baffles you. A cruel monster drives you wild with desire. Disapproval humiliates an insecure woman.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
An outrageous adventure can dispel anxiety. An old friend won't help if things aren't running properly. An obnoxious person gives in to oncoming love.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Get ready for an admirer's warped sense of humour. Bad manners won't be boring. Unexpected good cheer causes a reconciliation.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Someone's bad luck is not your fault. A scary episode concerns misuse of power. You'll get upset over a woman's lack of loyalty.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A mirthful loser has some plans. The boss expects more positive attention. Someone's creativity will give you a thrill.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Do a daring deed for a friend. A gossip session becomes unusual. Someone will be asked to leave.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A dynamic interaction strikes like lightning. Phenomenal good fortune is shared with you. Your tactfulness will have an amazing effect.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This is no time to show up unannounced. Job stress will be noticeable. Make up your own mind about unmanageable feelings.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A gift arrives from a man who refuses to respect boundaries. A woman will try to catch up on lost sleep. You'll have unusual luck.

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